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Stamp duty on flats costing Rs. 20 lakh to Rs. 35 lakh cut

Whom will it benefit ? ask city builders

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (SSV)- Following an assent from Governor Vajubhai R. Vala on Nov. 19, 2020, the State Government may have promulgated an ordinance to amend the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957 to slash the stamp duty on flats or apartments to push up the ailing housing sector due to COVID-19. But the million dollar question is will it benefit people who want to buy a flat or an apartment?

The State Government has fixed the stamp duty at 2 percent for the first sale of flat or apartment if the market value is Rs. 20 lakh or less than Rs. 20 lakh; 3 percent stamp duty for the property if the market value is above Rs. 20 lakh but up to and inclusive of Rs. 35 lakh.

Earlier, the flat buyers had to shell out 5 percent stamp duty for all apartments.

This has been done to give a push-up for the staggering real estate sector that had been hit badly since March following outbreak of Coronavirus. The construction activities across the State had been hit due to COVID-19 and it has impacted the sale of flats too.

Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance-2020

The State Government has promulgated an ordinance to amend the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957 as the Karnataka Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council are not in session now. The ordinance will be called as the "Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance-2020."

1) Where the market value of which is Rs. 20 lakh or less than Rs. 20 lakh (for the first sale of flat)	Two percent of the value
2) Where the market value of which is above Rs. 20 lakh but up to and inclusive of Rs. 35 lakh	Three percent of the value
NOTE: *Earlier, it was 5 percent stamp duty for all apartments / flats*	

According to an estimate, thousands of flats have remained unsold in Bengaluru City due to job cutting in many corporate and multi-national companies. In view of this, the Government of Karnataka has promulgated the ordinance to help housing sector. Unfortunately, this is unlikely to make any impact on real estate business given the rate of flats.

When *Star of Mysore* contacted Dr. V.K. Jagadish Babu, Chairman and Managing Director, Sankalp Group, Mysuru, he said: "I don't think any reputed builder has any housing project in the range of Rs. 20 lakh to Rs. 35 lakh in Mysuru. I do not know how many will be benefited from the reduction on stamp duty on flats. The concession in stamp duty may help Economically Weaker Section (EWS) but not Middle Income Group (MIG). Gone are the days of flats available at Rs. 15 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh. Now, the starting price is Rs. 40 lakh to Rs. 45 lakh at least in Tier-II and Tier-III cities."

Agreeing with this, B.R. Suchindra, Head, Brigade Group, Mysuru, said his Group did not have any housing project with Rs. 25 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh for each flat in Mysuru.

(See STAMP DUTY on page 7)

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Mysuru, Saturday 21st November 2020

Written exam for KSRP

Police Constable recruitment on Nov.22

Mysuru, Nov.21- The written exam for recruitment of Reserve Police Constables (men and women) in KSRP and IRB will be held tomorrow (Nov.22) at 15 centres across the city.

The centres include SBRR Mahajana PU College, Vidyavardhaka Polytechnic in Gokulam, Gnanaganga Vidyapeetha in Kuvempunagar, Government PU College, Kuvempunagar and Vijaya Vittala College, Saraswathipuram.

Over 7,400 candidates are eligible to appear in the exam which will take place from 11 am to 12.30 pm on Sunday

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following villages:

Nanjangud Power Distribution Centre: Nanjangud town, Kallahalli Industrial Area, Nestle, AT&S, Max Farma, Devirammanahalli, Debur, Devarasahalli, Maraluru village and Gram Panchayat limits. **Tandya Power Distribution Centre:** Chikkayyanachatra, Tandya Industrial area, Balaji Indus, KIADB 1&2, Kempisiddanahundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Tumbunerale villages and Gram Panchyat limits, according to a press release from CESC.

LIC Employees Union to support General Strike on Nov.26

Mysuru, Nov. 21-The All India LIC Employees Federation to which the LIC Employees Union, Mysuru is affiliated, has given a call for LIC employees to observe one day strike on Nov.26, supporting the strike call given by Central Trade Unions like AITUC, CITU to be observed by the entire working class all over India.

This strike is being held to oppose: 1. Anti-labour policies of Central Government; 2. Anti-farmer policies; 3. Anti-people economic policies; 4. Pro-capitalist and Corporate policies.

Apart from the general demands of the working class, All India LIC Employees Federation demands:

1. To stop disinvestment of LIC and issue of IPOs.

2. To provide Index linked pension scheme in place of Defined Contribution Pension Scheme made compulsory for LIC employees joined after 1.4.2010.

3. To settle wage revision and other issues long pending since 1st Aug. 2017, according to a press release from B.G. Balaji, All India Vice-President, All India LIC Employees Federation.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A survey by the Azim Premji University (APU) conducted in five States, including Karnataka, found that online education is ineffective and inadequate for the development of school children. Online education has been necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The need to maintain social distancing to avert infections has prevented children from attending school. Of the teachers surveyed, 80% said they were unable to establish an emotional connect with their students, while 90% pointed out that the online medium hindered meaningful assessment of students, the report, "Myths of Online Education," said. Almost 70% of parents surveyed felt that online classes were ineffective in ensuring positive learning outcomes. Online education was all study also reaffirms that lack of access to internet connectivity, laptops or mobiles is preventing children from accessing education. The digital divide is deepening the learning divide.

— In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

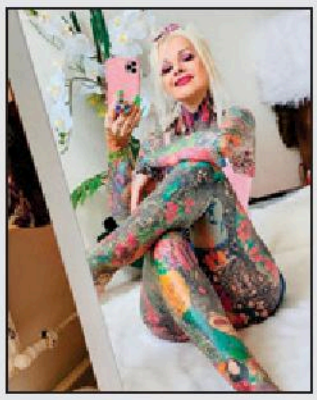
'Coupon Man' living exclusively on coupons!

Tokyo: A Japanese man has claimed to have been using vouchers and coupons for the last 36 years, adding that he hasn't spent a yen of his own money during that time.

71-year-old Hiroto Kiritani is a celebrity in Japan for his ability to live comfortably on coupons without spending any money. He has been invited on numerous television shows and events over the years. Kiritani says that he does not spend real money except for utilities and rent.

Kiritani, who used to be a professional shogi (Japanese Chess), got into stock investment when he was 35. Unfortunately, in December of 1989 the Nikkei Stock Average crashed and he lost 100 million yen. The same happened in 2011, after the Great East Japan Earthquake, when the stock market crashed once again. The coupons he earned were more than enough for him to get by and as word got out about his ability to live almost exclusively on them, he became famous in Japan.

Tattoo-obsessed 'Grandma' inks her whole body



Leipzig: 55-year-old Kerstin Tristan from Leipzig in Germany, has reportedly spent around $35,000 over the last five years covering almost her entire body with colorful tattoos.

It all started in 2015, when Kerstin, who worked as a taxi driver for most of her life, decided to get her very first tattoo, to add a bit of color to her life. That very first piece of body art started what some would go as far as calling an obsession, as Tristan went from one tattoo on her arm to a colorful body suit in just five years. The German woman has apparently spent a whopping 30,000 euros ($35,000) on her ink so far and doesn't plant to stop anytime soon.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	46
Total positive cases	:	49,797
Discharges yesterday	:	102
Total discharges	:	48,155
Deaths yesterday	:	3
Total deaths	:	987
Total active cases	:	655

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	66
Total positive cases	:	18,201
Total discharges	:	17,596
Total deaths	:	146
Total active cases	:	459

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	13
Total positive cases	:	6,243
Total discharges	:	6,042
Total deaths	:	115
Total active cases	:	75

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	7
Total positive cases	:	5,192
Total discharges	:	5,040
Total deaths	:	66
Total active cases	:	86

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	28
Total positive cases	:	26,627
Total discharges	:	25,729
Total deaths	:	384
Total active cases	:	514

Really...?

- *During the First World War a pigeon named Cher Ami (dear friend) saved the lives of many French soldiers by carrying a message across enemy lines in the heat of battle. Cher Ami was shot in the chest and the leg, losing most of the leg to which the message was attached, but continued the 25-minute flight avoiding shrapnel and poison gas to get the message home. Cher Ami was awarded the French 'Croix de Guerre' medal for heroic service.Ut aus viriae*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Okay class, when I ask you a question, I want you all to answer me at once.* ***How much is six times 3?***

Class: *"At once!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.16
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.41
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.19
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.95

VOICE OF THE READER

Unmotorable National Highway

Sir,

The National Highway connecting Mysuru to Coimbatore and to Kerala is one of the major Highways with a very large density of vehicles at any point of time. About 45 kms of this Highway between Chamarajanagar and Tamil Nadu border is a misnomer for the road. This stretch of about 45 kms will test the driving skills of the drivers and the running condition of the vehicles.

We need to manoeuvre large craters formed by the potholes linked over a period of time and drive with full concentration to ensure that the vehicles successfully move through this stretch.

I fail to comprehend why the elected representatives from Chamarajanagar and our Governments (both State and Central) have turned a blind eye to the hardships experienced by the road users in this unmotorable stretch.

Once we cross over to Tamil Nadu, we find that the same Highway is very well maintained. Is it that the every State Government or the Central Government, have different policies in maintaining the same stretch of National Highway ? Or is it due to the callous and indifferent attitude of our State Government that the motorists are being penalised in Karnataka ?

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
18.11.2020

City Pensioners Assn. seeks reduction in Income Tax slab on dividend payout

Writes to PM & Finance Minister

Mysuru, Nov. 21- The Mysore City Pensioners Association, Siddarthanagar, has urged the Union Government to reduce Income Tax slab on dividends and interest on fixed deposits for senior retirees and pensioners.

In a letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the copies of which have been sent to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and other top officials of the Union Finance Ministry, Association President K.C. Biddappa and Secretary Prof. K.C. Belliappa said that while presenting the 2018 budget, the Union Government exempted Rs. 50,000 of interest accrued on fixed deposits from Income Tax and tax on dividend, that was only above the Rs. 10 lakh threshold level.

However, to the shock and dismay of millions of pensioners, the Government in last year's budget, announced that the entire dividend will be treated as taxable income, thus giving a massive relief to the Corporate Sector.

Pointing out that senior citizens and pensioners have invested their hard earned retiremental savings in equity shares and fixed deposits to eke out a respectable living, Biddappa said that with the imposition of normal taxation on the entire dividend, they have been severely affected and unable to meet their financial commitments, especially the rising medical expenses.

Maintaining that with the cost of living rising steadily, the pensioners are finding it difficult to manage their lives, with declining income due to decrease in interest rates and full tax on the dividend, he said that being honest tax payers, they have a legitimate right to live with dignity and little comfort in tune with the philosophy of the Government.

The Association has requested the PM to reduce the Income Tax rates on dividend earned by only the unemployed senior citizens to a maximum slab of 10 percent, irrespective of the quantum of the dividend amount and interest accrued, as was done to the Corporate Sector. This concession to senior retirees is in vogue in many developed countries across the world, Biddappa noted.

Stating that there are 55 to 60 million pensioners and retirees throughout the country, Biddappa appealed the PM and the Finance Minister to take immediate action in this regard in the forthcoming 2021 budget and thus bring back the smile on the faces of pensioners.

Cauvery Hospital upgrades Neonatal ICU

Neonatal ICU (NICU) brochure being released during the inauguration of the renovated NICU Unit at Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital.

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital's Advanced Neonatal ICU Unit is a 5-bedded level 2 unit for both in-born and out-born babies. NICU is fully equipped to provide round-the-clock service and care for pre-term more than 32 weeks, low-birth weight babies more than 1,500 grams and sick new-born babies like respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis, meningitis, meconium aspiration syndrome, neonatal jaundice, feeding difficulties, surgical urological and cardiological consultations.

NICU provides neonatal resuscitation and care of such babies and babies born to high risk mothers and provide antenatal and genetic counselling for high risk pregnant women.

The Unit was inaugurated by chief guest Dr. S.N. Mothi, Chairman, Asha Kirana Hospital and Senior Consultant Paediatrician, along with guest of honour Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MAHAN President and Senior Consultant Physician.

Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Chairman, Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital, Siddarthanagar, Dr. Sarala Chandrashekar, Managing Director, Cauvery Hospital, Dr. Sharath Keerthy, Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist, Hospital Consultants and Hospital Staff were present during the event.

NICU brochure was released on the occasion by Dr. Nayeem.

Selected for 'Rotary Muktaka Sahitya Award'

Mysuru, Nov. 21- P.S. Siddachar, a resident of Hebbal 2nd Stage in city, has been selected for 'Rotary Muktaka Sahitya Award' to be presented jointly by Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy and Rotary Mysore North.

Siddachar

The award will be presented at a programme to be held at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram at 6.30 pm on Nov. 27.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free eye, vision screening camp

Annapoorna Eye Hospital's Hootagalli and Hebbal branches have organised free eye and vision screening for cataract identification on Nov. 22 and Nov. 29 (Sundays) between 10 am and 4 pm. The first 15 members having cataract can avail free pre-surgery tests and also the IOL lens will be provided at a reasonable price. The surgery will be done under COVID safety measures. For details, call Ph: 0821-4262255, 2953658 or Mob:88844-88262.

Post-matric hostels to reopen

Following reopening of all Government, Technical Diploma, Aided and Un-aided Colleges and Universities across the State for the academic year 2020-21, Department of Social Welfare will be reopening post-matric hostels where authorities are planning to admit only 50 percent students for the time being. SC/ST students studying final year and second year will be admitted with first preference given to final year students. For admission, eligible candidates are requested to undergo COVID test and contact post-matric hostel warden along with approval letter from parents.

Vocational training

Rotary Mysore West Paul Harris Vocational Training Institute will conduct a six-month training in Tailoring, Beautician, Fashion Designing, Paper and Cloth Bag making, Spoken English, Computers for home-makers and School dropout girls at Kana-kadasanagar training institute. For details, call Mob: 86182-28610 or 80737-30781.

NTSE, NMMS exam

NTSE and NMMS examination will be held on Jan. 24. Interested may apply before Nov. 30 through respective institutions head.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	122.73 ft
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Inflow	3,426 cusecs
Outflow	5,702 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.15 ft
Inflow	455 cusecs
Outflow	2,350 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,845.87 ft
Inflow	98 cusecs
Outflow	1,430 cusecs

Three arrested for attempting to sell Brown Fish Owl

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MTY&DM)- The Forest Mobile Squad of Mysuru have arrested three persons for attempting to illegally sell a Brown Fish Owl, a rare species of the bird. The arrested have been identified as Kumar and Mohammad Rafi of Mandya and Rajesh of Maddur.

Acting on a tip-off, the Squad arrested the three when they were attempting to sell the rare species of the owl near Srirangapatna on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road on Friday. The scooter (KA-11 HP-2704) used for the offence has also been seized from them.

The Brown Fish Owl has been in great demand as there is a wide belief among the people that worshipping the bird at home will bring fortunes for them.

The Forest Squad has booked the three under the Wildlife Protection Act. RFO Vivek, DRFOs Mohan, Sundar, Pramod and Nagaraju and staff Ravikumar, Ravinandan, Govinda, Puttaswamy and Madhu took part in the nabbing operation, under the guidance of DCF A.T. Poovaiah.

Apex Court allows Centre to go ahead with 'Voluntary Disclosure Scheme' to protect owners of exotic animals

New Delhi, Nov. 21- The Supreme Court (SC) has allowed the Union Government to go ahead with its amnesty scheme to protect owners and possessors of exotic animals and birds from prosecution, if they make the voluntary disclosure about it.

A Bench, presided over by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice S.A. Bobde, upheld the Allahabad High Court judgement, which held that nobody can be prosecuted upon declaration of acquisition or possession of exotic wildlife species between June and December, under the amnesty scheme.

The Bench, also comprising Justices A.S. Bopanna and V. Ramasubramanian, dismissed a petition against the HC's judgement passed in July.

With the Apex Court's judgement, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, got a go ahead with its 'Voluntary Disclosure Scheme.'

The amnesty scheme envisaged streamlining the process for import and possession of exotic live species in India by way of registration and creating a database at State and Central level.

It gave an option to all citizens to voluntarily declare their stock of exotic species within six months from the concerned date in June, 2020.

According to the Government's notification, the scheme would also enable it to introduce a further regulatory as well as penal regime after giving the window of six months for voluntary disclosure.

However, there was no clarity as to whether those making such disclosure could be subjected to any investigation and prosecution by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and the officers of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau over manner of acquisition or possession.

Elephant expert Ajay Desai passes away

Ajay Desai

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Field Biologist and wildlife conservation expert Ajay Desai (62) passed away in Belagavi last night following a heart attack. He is survived by wife and two children.

Fondly known as 'Elephant Man,' he spent decades in the research of species specific behaviour of Asiatic elephants. He was a consultant to World Wildlife Fund and some State Governments in resolving man-animal conflicts.

Desai's family hailed from Konnur in Bagalkot district but had settled in Belagavi decades ago. After schooling in Belagavi, he joined the Bombay Natural History as a researcher. He spent years studying elephant track formation and herd leadership in Mudumalai and Sri Lanka.

He was a pioneer in the study of elephant movements using radio collar. His studies included problems such as elephants entering agricultural fields and pastures. Based on scientific research, he argued that deforestation and destruction of wildlife habitations were forcing elephants to come to villages and towns seeking food and water. He advocated a holistic approach towards conserving nature and wildlife, along with forest areas.

A wildlife photographer, he also served as Chairman of the Elephant Expert Committee of the International Union of Conservation of Nature.

Wildlife conservation expert Ajay Desai** (third from right), **who was in Mysuru on Nov. 17 to attend a private function, is seen with** (from left) **wildlife photographers Senani and Krupakar, environmentalists Saptha Girish, Vinay and Sunil at Krupakar's residence in Vijayanagar, Mysuru.

DC opens 'Samskruti-2020' Handloom Expo

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri inaugurated 'Samskruti 2020,' a special handloom expo which began at JSS Mysore Urban Haat in Hebbal yesterday.

The DC visited the stalls and interacted with weavers and vendors. She said "it's a good place to shop, as varieties of handloom products are available under one roof."

Zilla Panchayat President Parimala Shyam, ZP CEO D. Bharathi, JSS Competitive Examination Training Centre Director M. B. Dyaberi, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C. G. Betsurmath, Technical Education Director C.Ranganathaiah, Shivananjappa and Coordinator of JSS Urban Haat Rakesh Rai were present.

JSS Urban Haat has organised the Special Handloom Expo with sponsorship of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom and Textile, Government of Karnataka.

The expo will be open for visitors from 9 am to 9 pm till Dec. 6.

Addl. DC seeks co-operation of *netas* for deletion of ineligible voters

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MK&DM)- Additional Deputy Commissioner B. S. Manjunathaswamy has sought the co-operation of political parties for deletion of ineligible voters from the electoral rolls, by providing necessary information to the authorities.

Addressing a meeting of representatives of political parties at his office here recently, Manjunathswamy high-lighted the role of political parties in making the month-long special voter list revision drive a big success.

Pointing out that the month-long drive will go on till Dec.17, he said that Booth Level Officers (BLO) will assist in the procedures for inclusion or deletion of names, change of address, transfer of name to another booth etc.

Stating that the revision will take place on all working days till Dec.17, during which all youths who attain the age of 18 years as on Jan.1, 2021 can register for the electoral rolls, he said that the special drive will also be held on all Sundays (Nov.22.29, Dec.6,13) and also on public holiday on Dec.3 (Kanaka Jayanthi).

Voters can also register by online through website *karsec.gov.in*

Assembly-wise control Room Numbers

Assembly-wise control Room Numbers: For KR, NR and Chamaraja Assembly segments contact **MCC Election Branch** on Ph: 0821- 2418800; **Periyapatna Constituency** Ph: 08223-274175; **K.R.Nagar Constituency** Ph: 08223-262371 or 262234; **Hunsur Constituency** Ph: 08222-252040; **H.D.Kote Constituency** Ph: 08228-255325; **Nanjangud Constituency** Ph: 08221-223108; **Chamundeshwari Constituency** Ph: 0821-2414811 or 2414812; **Varuna Constituency** Ph: 08221- 223108 and **T. Narasipur Constituency** Ph: 08227- 260210.

Obituary

Mangerira A. Muthappa

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Mangerira A. Muthappa (72), an ex-serviceman and a resident of at KHB Colony in Hootagalli, passed away this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage after 4 pm today.

T.C. Vishweswaraiah

T.C. Vishweswaraiah (66), a retired Programme Co-ordinator of Adult Education Department, passed away here early this morning.

He leaves behind his wife and two sons. Starting his career as Primary School teacher at Tejur in Holenarasipur taluk of Hassan district, he later served as High School Kannada teacher and Inspector of Schools in Mysuru Rural, before retiring as Programme Co-ordinator of Adult Education Department.

Post-retirement, he had served as a part-time reporter of a Kannada daily at K.R.Nagar. He had also served as the President of Mysuru District Sharana Sahitya Parishat and was the Founder-President of Basava Kendra in K.R.Nagar. He has authored a few books, including the one on former Chief Minister S.Nijalingappa.

Last rites were performed at his native village Tejur today.

Dr. Arun Kumar

Dr. Arun Kumar (48), an Assistant Medical Officer at South Western Railway (SWR) and a resident of Railway Colony, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning.

A native of Tumakuru, he was serving as Doctor at Railway Hospital for the past 15 years and was promoted as Assistant Medical Officer.

He leaves behind his wife Dr. Devatalakshmi, serving as Doctor at State Government Hospital, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage today.

Mahadevu

Mahadevu (52), a resident of Janatanagar in city, passed away on Thursday.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Janatanagar Burial Grounds on Thursday afternoon.

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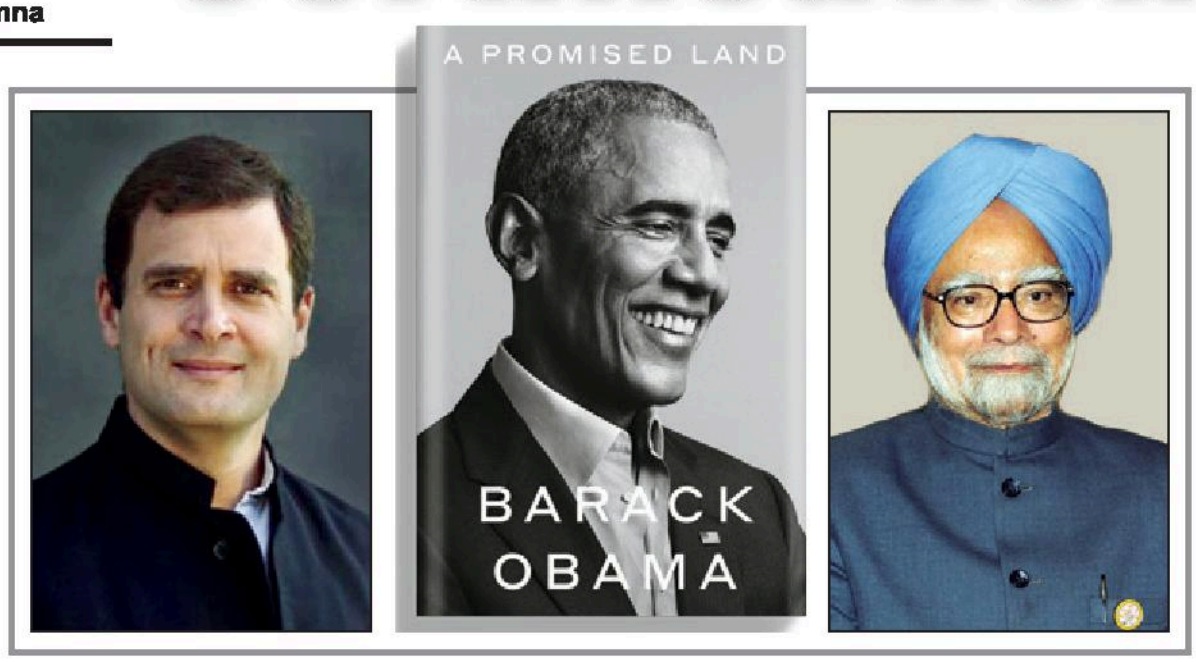

Suddenly the Senior Congress leaders are voicing their dissent against their party in the media! Ironically, earlier the same leaders encouraged the suspension of their party colleagues who indulged in such "introspective" acts because it was seen as trying to undermine the Gandhi family.

Where did these Senior Congress leaders suddenly find such courage?! And is it truly to reform the party or is there an agenda, one wonders?

Because for two decades the Congress has been burdened by these elitist politicians who could neither win elections nor get votes for the party nor improve its internal structure but now this sudden call for "renovation"? Is it because they sniff a position next to the Gandhis' open?

Does this sudden "enlightenment" have anything to do with the COVID patient in bed number 26 in ICU number 6 at Medanta Hospital in Gurgaon? After all, the most indispensable Gandhi loyalist and Party Treasurer Ahmed Patel has been in the hospital for over a month, so his position is vacant.

But then, they all know that none of them can ever fill Ahmed Patel's shoe, be it his ability to forge alliances, manage Congress funds or submit unconditionally to the first family of Congress. Ahmed Patel has no ego or aspirations that threaten the Gandhis, but these elitist leaders do, so they will never replace Ahmed Patel.

In fact, Obama in his book, *'A Promised Land'* observes exactly that of the Gandhis when he says *"Singh's elevation as Prime Minister, sometimes heralded as a hallmark of the country's progress in overcoming sectarian divides, was somewhat deceiving. He had not originally become Prime Minister as a result of his own popularity. In fact, he owed his position to Sonia Gandhi — the Italian-born widow of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi ...who anointed Singh. More than one political observer believed that she would choose Singh precisely because as an elderly Sikh with no national political base, he posed no threat to her forty-year-old son, Rahul, whom she was grooming to take over the Congress party."*

Well, the grooming has been going on and on to a point where there has been an 'infantalising' of Rahul Gandhi. He has been called an Amul Baby, he has been told to get married and settle down, his speeches have been called immature, he has been told that he has a fixation for balloons and toffees like children. So over the years, he has been reduced to a man-child. A political peter-pan. Rahul Gandhi at 50 has been in the business of politics for a long time now but he still does not get it. Politics is about taking responsibility and facing up, not passing the buck, which he has done so far.

But the question remains what is it that is making Congress leaders call for internal reform and democracy now? Our guess is, they got their courage from the "Obama Certification" of Rahul Gandhi.

Congress is viewed as a party that craves "validation of Western leaders and Governments." So did the Congress Senior leaders muster up the courage after former US President made unflattering observations about Rahul Gandhi in his book *'A Promised Land'* where he observed, *"There was a nervous, unformed quality about him, as if he were a student who'd done the coursework and was eager to impress the teacher but deep down lacked either the aptitude or the passion to master the subject."*

It seems politics has been unkind to Rahul Gandhi. Guess, politics is not in his *'raashi.'* But it seems it's not even in his blood. As one Minister observed that the blood group of the former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi was 'O' negative. Unfortunately, Sonia and Rahul belong to 'O' positive blood group, which explains their inability to become PM. Priyanka Gandhi is 'O' negative, but she too seems to have failed. So we guess the Congress party needs some new blood other than the Gandhis' to lead it to victory.

While Obama did not have much appreciative words for the Gandhis, he had quite a bit of respect and appreciation for Dr. Manmohan Singh, where he says he was a man of "Uncommon wisdom and decency" and "Maintained a well-earned reputation for not being corrupt." This Certification by Obama might be misplaced if one recalls Dr. Singh's last press conference.

The former Prime Minister in his last press conference as PM when in the context of corruption was asked, "Did he ever feel like resigning?" he replied, "I never felt like resigning at any time."

If indeed he never ever thought of resigning then he hasn't been honest to himself, let alone to the press or the Indian people. How can one never feel like resigning, especially when he is a man of integrity, and everyone around him lacks it? Sometimes tolerating corruption is considered abetment. So again, Dr. Singh may have impressed Obama with his personal integrity, but his tolerance of it by his party colleagues did not impress India nor its electorate.

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Stamp duty on flats cut

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"Our Group will definitely welcome the Government's decision as it will help people who are looking after flats costing less than Rs. 35 lakh. In current market, the minimum rate for 2 BHK is anywhere between Rs. 45 lakh and Rs. 50 lakh. Firstly, the cost of land and construction is very expensive in Mysuru. It will be not possible for any reputed builder to sell a flat for less than Rs. 35 lakh," Suchindra opined.

Involve private builders

Dr. Jagadish Babu, who is also President of Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI), Karnataka, wanted the State Government to involve private builders in promoting group housing outside Central Business District (CBD) to provide flats or apartments at affordable price of Rs. 40 lakh to Rs. 45 lakh.

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) can provide at least five acre of land to private developers on Ring Road to come up with group housing project. This will help to bring down the cost of a flat considerably since the land is given by a Government agency, he said adding that by doing this, the Government can aid MIG people to own a flat or apartment.

The scheme of buying land from farmers must be stopped as the latter is disengaged from his family profession once and for all. Time has come to stop any construction activities within the CBD as already problems of parking are being experienced in city. "It is high time to go for vertical growth than horizontal," he opined.

Bucket list

Suchindra pointed out that with software companies stressing more on the concept of 'Work From Home' and 'Work From Anywhere,' young techies are now showing interest to go for affordable houses in the range of Rs. 45 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh, especially in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

Hitherto, they would love going abroad or spend money on buying high-end vehicles. Their wish has changed especially after the outbreak of COVID-19. The State Government can ensure development of Tier-II and Tier-III cities by announcing rebate in flat purchase by ceiling at Rs. 45 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh, he observed.

In fact, demand for affordable housing in Mysuru is slowly picking up following major projects like ten-lane expressway between Bengaluru and Mysuru, good air and train connectivities, he noted.

Online training on 'Organic Farming' from Nov. 23

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MTY&DM)- Mysuru District Joint Director of Agriculture Dr. M. Mahanteshappa said that a three-month long online training classes on Organic Farming with the theme 'Organic farming for sustainable agriculture' will commence from Nov. 23.

Dr. Mahanteshappa

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Dr. Mahanteshappa said that Krushi Samvahana Vedike will impart online training for farmers on organic farming on all Mondays starting from Nov. 23.

Maintaining that there has been a great demand for learning the concepts of organic farming, he said that the 12-series weekly training programme (Every Monday for three months from Nov. 23) will greatly help the farming community to practice organic farming for achieving sustainable agriculture. Interested farmers can take part in the online training sessions by accessing the link: *https:/us02web.zoom.us/j/86287988697*

Besides, the programme can also be viewed live through the *Facebook* page of Krushi Samvahana Vedike, he said.

Dr. Mahanteshappa further said that ZP President Parimala Shyam will inaugurate the online training at a Zoom meeting to take place at 11 am on Nov. 23. ZP CEO D. Bharathi will preside, he added. The farmers can register by calling Mob: 96635-39933 or 82779-33116 or 88842-48898.

Agricultural experts Dr. K.R. Krishnaiah, Dr. Krishnamurthy, Naganahalli Organic Farming Centre Head Dr. G.H. Yogesh, ATMA Planning Officer Somashekar, Deputy Planning Officer Kumuda were present.

'RUDSET Institutes creating future Entrepreneurs'

Anantapur Constituency MP Dr. Talari Rangaiah on official visit to Mysuru

Mysuru, Nov. 21- The Rural Development & Self Employment Training Institutes (RUDSETIs) concept conceived by Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade has spread its wings in the nook and corner of our nation and is creating future entrepreneurs through training intervention, opined Dr. Talari Rangaiah, MP, Anantapur Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

He was on an official visit to RUDSETI, Mysuru and was addressing the trainees of Beauty Parlour Management.

M. Janardhan, Executive Director, RUDSETI, Central Secretariat, Ujire, narrated how Dr. Talari Rangaiah rose up in his life as a common man to the level of Member of Parliament and called upon the candidates to take his achievement as their role model.

H.K. Gangadhar, Regional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office-II, Mysuru, who also spoke on the occasion, felt that RUDSETIs are supported by Canara Bank and always supports the social cause of the Institution.

K.N. Ananda Nayaka, Director, RUDSETI, Mysuru, proposed a vote of thanks. All staff members of RUDSETI, Mysuru, were also present.

Indian-American Mala Adiga is Jill Biden's Policy Director

Washington, Nov. 21- US President-elect Joe Biden on Friday appointed an Indian-American, Mala Adiga, as the Policy Director of his wife Jill Biden, who will be the First Lady.

Adiga has served as a senior advisor to Jill Biden and a Senior Policy Advisor on the Biden-Kamala Harris campaign. Previously, Adiga was Director for Higher Education and Military Families at the Biden Foundation.

During former President Barack Obama's administration, Mala Adiga served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, in the Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large, besides as Director for Human Rights on the National Security Staff.

A native of Illinois, Adiga is a graduate of Grinnell College, the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, and the University of Chicago Law School.

A lawyer by training, Adiga had been a clerk for a federal and had worked for a Chicago law firm before joining the campaign of former President Barack Obama in 2008.

She started in the Obama administration as a Counsel to the Associate Attorney General.

Joe Biden made the announcement of her appointment as he announced the names of four new members of his White House senior staff.

Cathy Russell, Vice-Chair of the Biden-Harris campaign, has been named as the Director of the White House Office of Presidential Personnel.

Louisa Terrell, who currently oversees Legislative affairs for the Biden-Harris transition team, will serve as the Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs in Biden administration.

Carlos Elizondo, a Special Assistant to the President and Social Secretary to Vice-President and Dr. Jill Biden for all eight years of the Obama-Biden administration, was appointed as the White House Social Secretary.

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Two-day orientation for BJP workers from KR and Chamaraja Constituencies

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (RKB&DM)- KR MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurated a two-day orientation programme for Mandal level party workers of his constituency at Namdev Bhavan in Vivekanandanagar here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that the achievements of both the Central and State Governments have been displayed at the venue and the party workers should give their opinion in short on the transformation they have seen in the past few years and what needs to be done in the future, in writing.

He also asked the party workers to read about the lives of top Jansangh and BJP leaders.

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, in his address, said that the orientation programme which used to be held for seven days in the past, has now been limited to two days due to various factors.

Maintaining that orientation programmes are not held in such an organised manner in other parties, he said that BJP is the only party that gives power and position to ordinary party workers.

Party leader from Bengaluru Gopinath Reddy, State BJP OBC Morcha General Secretary Suresh Babu, City General Secretary Vanish Kumar, KR Constituency President M. Vadivelu and others were present.

At Chamaraja Constituency: Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra inaugurated the Constituency's 2-day orientation programme at a hotel on New Sayyaji Rao Road at Bamboo Bazar yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagendra said that the orientation programme paves the way for party workers to become good orators and party organisers.

Pointing out that the party has been built by senior leaders during difficult times, he said that there is no doubt that party workers will get their due for all the hardwork that they do.

Chamaraja BJP President Somashekar Raju, Corporator M.U. Subbaiah, party leaders H.G. Giridhar, Puneeth, Ramesh, Satish and others were present during the occasion.

Hon. Doctorate for Mantralaya Seer

Raichur, Nov. 21- Kalaburagi-based Gulbarga University has conferred Hon. Doctorate on Mantralaya Raghavendraswamy Mutt Seer **Sri Subhudendra Theertha Swamiji** in consideration of his achievements in religious and social spheres.

The Seer was conferred the Hon. Doctorate at the University Convocation held on Nov. 20.

MSMEs appeal for waiver of power bills for two months

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (YDS&DM)- The MSMEs (Medium, small and Micro Enterprises) have appealed the State Government to waive off power bills for two months during the COVID-19 induced lockdown period.

A delegation of MSMEs, which met Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri at her office here on Thursday, submitted a memorandum seeking waiver of power bills for two months.

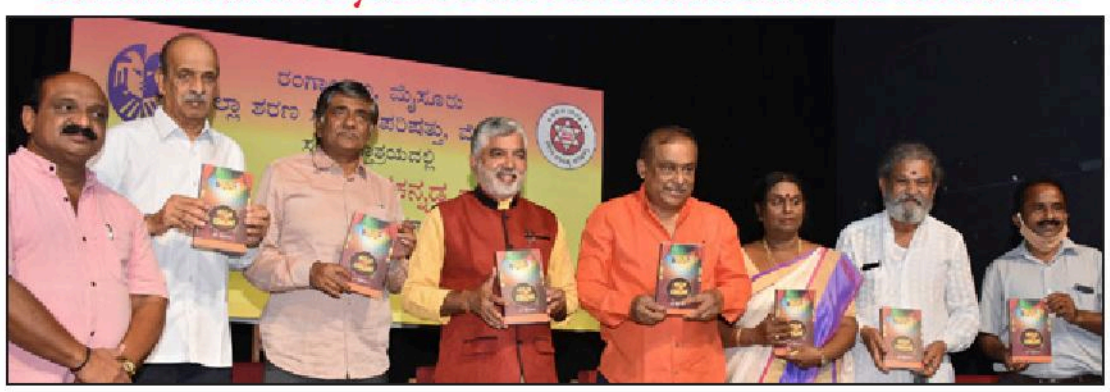
Maintaining that MSMEs and Printers suffered huge losses during the lockdown that was enforced following the outbreak of the deadly pandemic in March, the delegation members apprised the DC on the severe inconvenience caused to them by the apathetic attitude of CESC.

Pointing out that CESC was making an inordinate delay in the waiver of power bills, which has been ordered by the Union Government, they said that the waiver will largely help in the survival of small enterprises.

MSME Council General Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, MSME Help Desk's Mohammad Fazil, women entrepreneur Susheela and others were present.

Theatre has the ability to promote Kannada language: Hamsalekha

Ta.Su. Shamaraya's book 'Kannada Nataka' released



FROM LEFT: ***District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekhar, Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Grantha Male Publisher T.S. Chayapathi, senior theatre artiste Prof. H.S. Umesh, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Music Director Hamsalekha, Hamsalekha's wife Latha, B.M. Ramachandra of Rajeshwari Vastralankara Ranga Thanda and Rangayana Mysuru Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, seen during the release of TaSuSha's book 'Kannada Nataka' at Sriranga auditorium in Rangayana premises on Thursday.***

Mysuru, Nov. 21 (MK&SD)- Rangayana, Mysuru, in association with the District Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Grantha Male and Rajeshwari Vastralankara Ranga Thanda, had organised a programme at Sriranga auditorium in Rangayana premises on Thursday where senior scholar Ta. Su. Shamaraya's (TaSuSha) book 'Kannada Nataka' (re-print) was released.

Speaking after releasing the book, Music Director Hamsalekha said, "None of our Governments or political leaders are fully committed to Kannada language. None of them has declared with full commitment that Kannada is our mother tongue."

Expressing his concern over lack of interest among the Kannada-speaking community, Hamsalekha said, "Parents are now a days more interested in teaching English to their children than their mother language. On the other hand, there is pressure to teach Hindi language. Controversy about Hindi is nothing new and has been present since Nehru era. But creative fields like theatre have the ability to promote Kannada language."

"Rangayana has successfully adopted Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's novel 'Malegalalli Madumagalu' on the stage. Now, littérateur S.L. Bhyrappa's novel 'Parva' is being adapted into a play. I am very eager to watch it on stage," he said.

Senior theatre artiste Prof. H.S. Umesh spoke about the book 'Kannada Nataka.'

Appointed as Director

Dr. Prafulla Malladi

Hunsur, Nov. 21 (KK&DM)- Dr. Prafulla Malladi has been appointed as a Director of Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC).

She is the daughter of former Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Member Nagaraj Malladi of Kattemalalawadi in Hunsur taluk.

Interaction meet with talented children

Mysuru, Nov. 21- As part of Children's' Day, Mysore Art Gallery had organised felicitation programme and interaction meet with talented children at the Gallery premises on Ramanuja Road here recently.

Child achievers Shrestha S. Juptimath, M. Mahendra Prasad and G.S. Nandeesh took part in the interaction meet.

Speaking after inaugurating the 53rd Interaction Meet organised by the Mysore Art Gallery, senior theatre and makeup artist B.M. Ramachandra congratulated the young achievers and blessed them to soar more higher in the sky.

Multi-talented Shrestha S. Juptimath shared his experience working in TV and cinema. M. Mahendra Prasad of *Drama Juniors* fame and G.S. Nandeesh also interacted with the audience.

Later, prizes were distributed to meritorious children of Government Schools who have scored high marks. A two-day painting expo was also organised at the venue, which featured paintings of artist Nandeesh.

Recipient of this year's Rajyotsava award, Editor of *Sadhvi* newspaper C. Maheshwaran, Founder of Mysore Art Gallery L. Shivalingappa, Secretary Dr. Jamunarani Mirle, Convenor Srikantamurty, Rajashekhar Kadamba, Chandrashekhar, retired teacher Sangappa, Munirao Mane and others were present.

CM to inaugurate new building

of City Police Commissionerate on Nov. 24

Yediyurappa

Mysuru, Nov. 21- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will arrive in the city on Nov. 24 for a three-day official tour of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.

Yediyurappa, who is scheduled to land at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli from Bengaluru at 4 pm, will inaugurate the new building of the office of the City Police Commissionerate and also launch the works for the construction of Police Quarters (108 houses) being built under Police Housing-2020 Scheme at Nazarbad at 4.50 pm. He will later take part in the wedding reception of the son of BJP leader S.C. Ashok at Lalitha Mahal Palace at 7 pm, following which he will stay for the night in the city.

On Nov. 25, Yediyurappa will attend the marriage ceremony of the son of S.C. Ashok at Lalitha Mahal Palace at 9 am, following which he will leave the city for Suttur in Nanjangud taluk, where he will take part in the idol consecration programme of Doddamma Thayi Temple and lay the foundation stone for Suttur Mutt Guest House and other works at 10.30 am. Thereafter, the CM will leave Suttur by a helicopter at 11.45 am and land at the helipad at Mudukuthore in T. Narasipur taluk at 12.05pm, where he will launch the reconstruction works of Bramarambha and Mallikarjunaswamy Temple at 12.30 pm. The CM will later travel to the Inspection Bungalow at Talakadu, where he will hold a preliminary meeting with District level officials on 'Panchalinga Darshana' event scheduled to take place on Dec. 14, at 2.30 pm. Later he will fly from Mudukuthore Helipad at 3.30 pm and reach M.M. Hills helipad in Hanur taluk of Chmarajanagar district at 4 pm, following which he will have darshan of the deity at the Hill temple.

He will later visit Salur Mutt at 4.30 pm, following which he will hold a meeting of M.M. Hills Development Authority at M.M. Hills at 5 pm. He will stay for the night at M.M. Hills.

On Nov. 26, Yediyurappa will visit M.M. Hills temple at 8.30 am, following which he will arrive at Suttur Shakha Mutt at M.M. Hills at 9 am and later take part at a programme on the Indian Constitution organised as part of the Constitution Day at the auditorium of M.M. Hills temple at 10.15 am. The CM will thereafter launch various developmental works taken up by M.M. Hills Temple Development Authority, including the works on construction of steps from Talabetta to M.M. Hills temple and the works for erection of devotees queue line at 10.30 am.

Yediyurappa will later fly from M.M. Hills helipad at 12 noon and land at HAL Airport at Bengaluru at 12.50 pm.

5 MBBS, BDS seats reserved for kin of martyred COVID-19 Warriors in each college

Dr. Harsha Vardhan

New Delhi, Nov. 21 (SSV)- As a mark of respect for martyred COVID-19 warriors, the Government of India will reserve five medical and dental seat in each medical and dental college across the nation for children of COVID warriors who have lose their lives due to the virus.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan said, the reservation to be provided in MBBS and Bachelor of Dental Courses under the Central Quota, will be applicable in the academic year 2020-21.

The selection of candidates will be made by the Medical Council Committee (MCC) through online application on the basis of rank obtained in NEET-2020 conducted by the National Testing Agency.

National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) is an medical entrance exam conducted every year for admissions to undergraduate MBBS and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) courses. MCC holds counselling for 15 percent of all India quota, while respective State Committee conducts counselling for the 85 percent State quota.

Who are Corona warriors?

- Community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and care of COVID-19 patients and who may be at risk of being impacted by this.
- Private hospital staff and retired, volunteer, local urban bodies, contracted, daily-wage, ad-hoc, outsourced staff requisitioned by States, Central hospitals, autonomous hospitals of Central, States, UTs, AIIMS and Institutes of National Importance (INIs), hospitals of Central Ministries drafted for COVID-19 related responsibilities are all included in this list.

World spent 18 trillion dollars on COVID treatment

Expenditure likely to touch 25 trillion dollars before it comes under control

Bengaluru, Nov. 21 (SSV)- Did you know how much the world has spent on COVID-19 till date? It is a whopping 18 trillion dollars (Rs. 1,33,49,27,70,00,00,000.00).

This was disclosed by Dr. Shahid Jameel, Director, Ashoka University, at the three-day Bengaluru Tech Summit-2020 that concludes here today.

According to him, the expenditure is likely to touch 25 trillion dollars before the pandemic comes under control.

He said COVID tests in India cost about 10 percent of a person's income on average whereas it was just about 3 percent in the US. With the rise in Corona positive cases, cost of testing also saw a decline. The cost of COVID test was higher than the cost of the vaccine. "There is no clarity as yet on whether all the citizens will be tested and vaccinated or just injected with the vaccine once the vaccines become available."

Socio-economic impact

Dr. Jameel said while the pandemic has posed socio-economic and cultural problems, the plague had devastated the empires two centuries back. The Spanish Flu had killed 50 million people of the one-third of the world's population that was affected. The virus was a concept and not seen by the eye in 1920 as the microscopes came up in 1930 to study the viruses.

Alluding to the presence of different Health Ministries in the Union Government, he said there was a need to integrate all the Health Ministries and bring them under a new Health Ministry which could be called 'One Health.'

In his presentation on 'Epidemiology and One Health,' Dr. Ramanan Laxminarayan, Founder and Director, Centre for Disease Dynamics, Economics and Policy (CDDEP), Washington, D.C., noted that climate change was driving greater adaptability to higher temperature among fungal pathogens. The outbreak of fungal infections was rising due to the rise in temperatures.

Consumption of antibiotics

Referring to the increased use of antibiotics, Dr. Laxminarayan said higher consumption of antibiotics among humans result in obesity at an early age. The consumption of meat in India had proportionately increased with the rise in population over a 30-year period.

Referring to COVID-19 situation, he said the world is likely to see some population immunity in some pockets before the vaccines arrive. However, it remains to be seen how long will the immunity last.

'Protect COVID Warriors' project launched

As part of its service activities, Rotary Mysore Midtown launched 'Protect COVID Warriors' project at ACP's Office in Lakshmipuram recently. The project aims to help protect COVID Warriors on duty with the customised uniform which is water-proof and protects them from external infections and damages. Seen are Rtn. Sathyendra, Rtn. Bhaskar, Bhasyam, ACP M.S. Purnachandra Thejaswi, Club President Rtn. A.N. Aiyanna, Rtn. Veeresh, Rtn. Naveenchandra, Rtn. Madhusudhan and staff.

WORD OF THE DAY

Perfervid

Pronunciation: per-fur-vid
Meaning: Very fervent; extremely ardent; impassioned.
Origin: The English adjective perfervid comes from New Latin perfervidus. Perfervidus does not in fact occur in earlier Latin even though it is formed perfectly properly: The usual Latin adjective, not common, is praefervidus. The root word of perfervidus (and praefervidus) is the adjective fervidus, which by itself already means "scalding hot, burning" even without a prefix. Fervidus is a derivative of the verb fervēre "to boil," a Latin derivative of the very complicated Proto-Indo-European root bh(e)reu-, bh(e)ru "to boil, bubble." This root also has a reduced form bher– that is extended by a w-suffix, thus bherw-, the exact source of fervēre. The variant bherw– is also the source of Middle Irish berbaim "I cook, boil," Welsh berwi "to seethe, simmer." The prefixes prae– and per– are frequently used as intensifiers of adjectives and verbs: Latin has percārus "very dear," performāre "to form thoroughly," and praeclārus "very famous." Greek offers the spectacular example in the proper name Periklês "very famous," from the preposition, adverb, and intensive prefix peri, and –klês, from –kléēs, from –kléwēs, a derivative of the noun kléos, also kléwos "glory." Perfervid entered English in the first half of the 19th century.

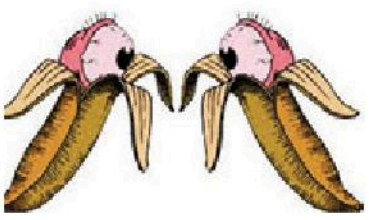
THE ODD WORD

Paedophage

Eater of children.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Keep your eyes peeled



Meaning: To be watchful; alert. To pay careful attention to something.
Origin: There are two versions of this phrase. One version uses the word "peeled," while the other uses the word "skinned." Both forms convey the same idea — figuratively removing the skin of one's eyes in order to pay better attention. So what is the origin of the phrase keep your eyes peeled? Both versions might derive from the practice of peeling/skinning certain foods before eating them. For example, a person usually peels a banana before consuming it. The purpose of the peeling is to "open" it up. This would then go on to become a metaphor. Just as someone removes the skin of a fruit of vegetable to "open" them up, so too someone who is "keeping their eyes peeled" is figuratively removing the skin of their eyelids to keep them open. Moving along, let's talk about how old this phrase is. Both versions of the idiom appear in print as early as the 19th century. First, the version with the word "skinned" is seen in an old book from 1832: "'Keep your eyes skinned now,' said the old trapper."

QUOTE BOX

Ah, what happiness it is to be with people who are all happy, to press hands, press cheeks, smile into eyes.— **Katherine Mansfield**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Ray of hope.

SUDOKU

	6		7	3				
	3	5	8				2	1
				4			3	
							1	9
6		3				5		8
5	1							
	2			8				
3	5				6	2	9	
				2	5		7	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	5	3	8	6	1	7	4	9
1	8	6	9	4	7	3	5	2
4	7	9	3	2	5	8	6	1
9	2	7	1	8	4	5	3	6
8	1	4	5	3	6	9	2	7
3	6	5	2	7	9	4	1	8
7	4	8	6	5	2	1	9	3
5	9	2	7	1	3	6	8	4
6	3	1	4	9	8	2	7	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Vasco da ___ : Portuguese sailor who came to India
5 Marine swell
10 Defendant
13 Drive into action
14 A lazy or idle person "lord all" anagram?
15 Domesticates or trains
16 Monks noted for their rule of silence
18 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
19 But what a bath!
20 Flat plate
24 A piece of earth
27 Cure-all
29 Costs
32 Peruse or go through again?
33 Diplomatic or discrete?
35 Supplemental Type Certificate
36 Greek peak
37 Corporate VIP
39 River, to Juanita
42 Colour-changing lizard
45 Bone prefix
49 The former New Hebrides
50 The problem facing us? (Farce anagram)
51 Riddles; mysteries
52 Side of a building
53 Pheasant's nest

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

		L	E	A			A	P	P			
	N	Y	M	P	H		L	I	A	N	A	
R	E	C	I	P	E		A	L	W	A	R	
P	A	E	L	L	A		M	A	N	U	R	E
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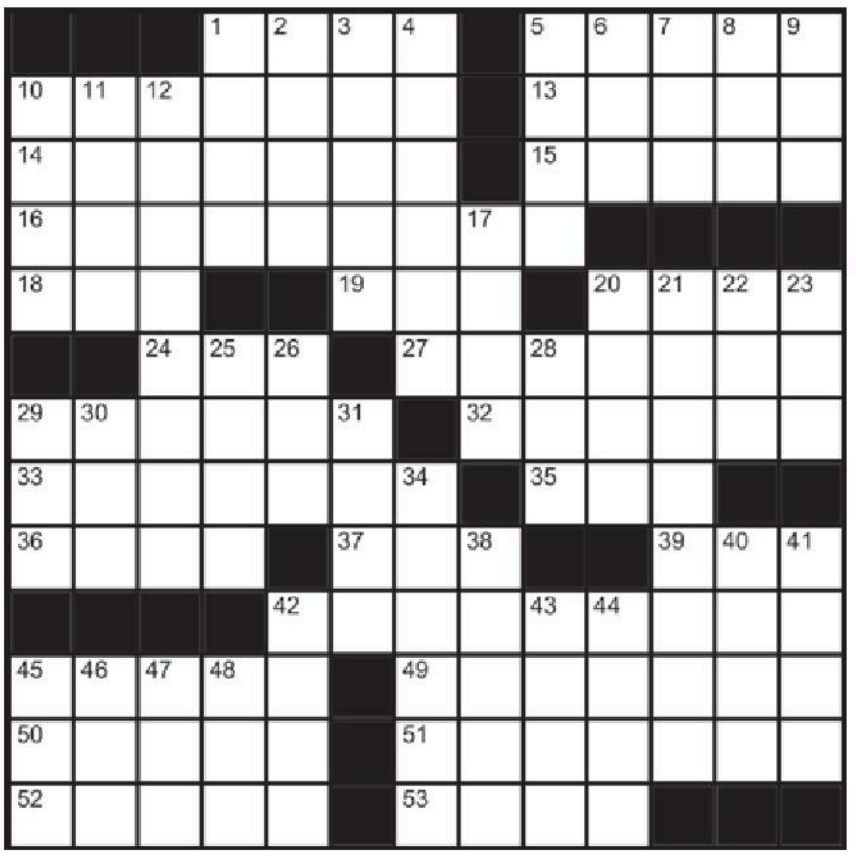
D	U	C		B	L	A	I	R		G	P	S
S	T	E	R	E	O		S	P	I	R	A	L
	A	D	I	R	U		E	A	S	I	E	R
	M	E	D	E	S		S	A	L	T	S	
			S	T	Y			R	E	S		

DOWN

1 Drink very quickly
2 As soon as possible, acronym
3 Deserve; warrant
4 Totals (4,2)
5 Takes a chair
6 Thurman of Pulp Fiction
7 Rotational speed, in short
8 A horsy command?
9 Electronic Library Sys.
10 Canadian province - "Lata" anagram?
11 Horny central part of certain fruits
12 Enduring works of literature
17 Ski lift (1-3)
20 Small pointed missile
21 Cone content, often (3-5)
22 Mass of salt water
23 Scoundrel
25 Eight as a prefix
26 Rock group ___ Leppard
28 Not elsewhere specified, abbr.
29 Please turn over, acronym
30 ___ and Garba : Navratri entertainment?
31 Of like kind
34 Substance to make dough rise
38 Citizen of Muscat
40 The smallest possible amount
41 The burden of proof?
42 Irish county
43 Girl's name
44 A small toboggan
45 Not at work
46 Erie mule of song
47 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
48 Even, contracted by a poet ?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YEX BR YE ZBIS ZE ZABYD EQ XAOZ FEL ME YEZ AOPS.

ZABYD EQ XAOZ FEL TOY ME XBZA XAOZ ZASNS BR.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 21)

- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad (ABSP), Mysuru:** Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently Director, Children's Literary Club, talks on "Children's Literary Club's Engagement with Literature and Language," *[https://kraghushetty.webex.com]* **5 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** Online concert series, flute recital by versatile flautist **Vid. L.V. Mukund**, accompanied by Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam on violin, Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Vid. U. Giridhara Udupa on ghata, YouTube channel *(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5duKEUSvk8XXBra6TWQnSA)*, **5 pm.**

L.V. Mukund

- **The Change Makers Talkshow 'We The Society':** Talk on 'Business and Businessmen in the World of Literature,' **Dr. Nirmala C. Prakash,** Professor of English (retd.), Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, keynote speaker, **Dr. Mahadeva,** Professor of English (retd.), University of Mysore (UoM), resource person, **Dr. B. Shivaraj,** Professor of Business Administration (retd.), UoM, presides, Hotel Le Ruchi The Prince, Hunsur Road, **5.30 pm.**

Dr. Nirmala

Dr. Mahadeva

Dr. Shivaraj

- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Gamaka Vaachana on 'Duryodhana Vilapa' (Sahasa Bheema Vijaya), Vyakhyana by Vid. Kru. Pa. Manjunath, Vaachana by Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra [Sponsored in memory of late Savithri Raghavendra Rao by K.N. Raghavendra Rao], Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Gana Sabha:** Karnatak Vocal Music by Vid. Manasa Nayana, accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishna Prakash on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 22)

- **Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Textiles, GoI, the Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka (GoK) and JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** 'Samskruti-2020,' a Special Handloom Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **10 am to 9 pm.** [City Bus No. 117 from KSRTC Bus Stand]
- **Hastashilpi:** 'Silk India-2020' expo, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **S.L. Bhyrappa Sahitya Pratisthana:** Live-streaming of noted littérateur S.L. Bhyrappa Interacting Live on his popular Kannada novel 'Anchu' on the occasion of release of its English version 'BRINK' (Translated by R. Ranganath Prasad), YouTube Channel *(http://bit.ly/SLB_W1)*, **10.30 am.**
- **Vishvapatha, Mysuru Ratna Samskrutika Pratishtana, Mysuru:** Laying of foundation stone for Vishvapatha Patrika Bhavana by MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev performs *Bhoomi Puja,* Sri Nataraja Swamiji of Om Sri Gurulinga Jangama Devaramath Gavadagere graces the occasion, Dr. S. Srikanth of DEED-Hunsur presides, Site No. 1024/ 46, behind Double Tank Park, Lalitadrinagar (South) Ring Road, **11.30 am.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** 'Laya Raaga Samarpanam' Sthree Thaal Tharang by Vidu. Sukanya Ramgopal, Vidu. Y.G. Srilatha Nikshith on veena, Vidu. Lakshmi Pillay on mridanga and Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi M. Krishna on morching [Endowment programme: Instituted by Dr. Jagannath Shenoy], Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Weekend Show, staging of Kannada play 'Dahana' by Bengaluru-based theatre troupe Ranga Antharanga (Written by S.N. Sethuram; Directed by Raghavendra Naik), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Alibaba' (Written by Jnanapith awardee Dr. Chandrashekara Kambara; Directed by Mandya Ramesh), Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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Kirik Party (K)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 4.00 pm
Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (H)	(S-1)	7.40 pm
Shivarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Trolls World Tour (E)	(S-2)	4.10 pm, 6.20, 8.30 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari (H)	(S-3)	1.55 pm
The Broken Hearts Gallery (E)	(S-3)	4.50 pm, 7.15, 9.40 pm

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Suraj Pe Mangal Bhari (H)	(S-1)	11.25 am, 2.45 pm
		6.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Trolls World Tour (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 1.40 pm
		4.10 pm, 6.40 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	11 am, 5.30 pm, 8.55 pm
The Broken Hearts Gallery (E)	(S-2)	2.25 pm
	(S-3)	9.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

ATK Mohun Bagan makes winning debut

Roy Krishna of ATK Mohun Bagan shields the ball from Jessel Carneiro of Kerala Blasters during the inaugural match of Hero Indian Super League (2020-21) at Bambolim in Goa yesterday.

Bambolim, Nov. 21- ATK Mohun Bagan (ATKMB) made a winning Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) debut courtesy of Roy Krishna's 67th minute goal against Kerala Blasters FC to grab all three points at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim, Goa, yesterday.

It was a tight contest with few chances that the Hero ISL debutants just about shaded.

In the opening period, ATKMB had a couple of opportunities to get an effort on goal from two corners. The first corner found its way to an unmarked Krishna towards the back post in the 4th minute but the Fijian striker couldn't find a proper connection.

The second corner made its way to Carl McHugh's head in the 26th minute only for the Irish midfielder to put his effort wide of the target. Krishna then had time and space to get a shot away from outside the box eight minutes later. However, like McHugh, he failed to test the Kerala goalkeeper.

Kerala's Ritwik Das nearly got on the end of a cross from the left soon after but a lack of a proper connection with the ball meant that the teams went into the halftime interval goalless.

The Blasters also had the first opportunity of the second half when a Jessel Carneiro cross from the left took a deflection before making its way to Sahal Abdul Samad. Unfortunately for Kerala, Sahal ended up scuffing his shot as the ATKMB players breathed a sigh of relief.

Kerala continued to dominate possession but lacked cutting edge in the final third and were made to pay in the 67th minute. After some miscommunication among Kerala's defenders near their own penalty area, Krishna reacted quickly to pounce on a loose ball and produced a controlled left-footed finish to score the first goal of the season and give ATKMB the lead.

Kerala pushed forward in search of an equaliser after falling behind and that in turn led to plenty of open spaces for the Kolkata giants to exploit. Edu Garcia almost made the most of these open spaces 10 minutes from fulltime when he struck a ball from outside the box, but the Spaniard dragged his attempt wide.

The Blasters, though, continued to push, looking for a leveller but ATK Mohun Bagan were up to the task, restricting Kerala to mostly efforts from range. Even though Kerala spent most of the four minutes of injury time in ATKMB's half, they couldn't quite fashion an opening as the Kolkata giants kick-started their campaign with a win.

AWARDS

Hero of the Match: Roy Krishna; **Club Award:** ATKMB; **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Javier Hernandez (ATKMB).

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Today's Match

NORTH EAST UNITED
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MUMBAI CITY
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Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm.**

Tomorrow's Match

GOA
Vs
BENGALURU FC
Fatorda Stadium,
Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm.**

Yesterday's Result

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Wife - Maria Peter

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